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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Ritzdorf et al.

For:

Semiconductor Plating System

Workpiece Support having

Workpiece Engaging Electrode

with Pre-Conditioned Contact Face)

Serial No.:

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Filed:

September 30, 1997

Examiner:

Leader, W.

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REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Official Action dated June 23, 1999, the Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of the term for response, from the present term of September 23, 1999, up to a new term of December 23, 1999.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the fee for this three month extension. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1644. The Commissioner is further authorized to credit our deposit account for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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